



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Dr. Michele Walker, Director  
Office of Student Assessment  
**DATE:** April 8, 2014  
**RE:** Proposal to Move “CoreLink” Administration to Fall

### Proposed Testing Dates

Assessment	Current Testing Dates	Proposed Testing Dates	Test Session Time
Indiana’s College-and-Career Ready Assessment – Phase 1 <i>(aligned to newly adopted Indiana Academic Standards for ELA &amp; Mathematics)</i>	May 5 - 23, 2014	September 2 - 30, 2014	Session 1: Math 30 Min Session 2: ELA 30 Min

As part of the transition to college-and-career ready assessments, the Indiana Department of Education planned to administer test questions from CTB’s “CoreLink” item bank in May of 2014 to students in grades 3-8.

In the planning for the administration of the CTB “CoreLink” test questions the Department has been very sensitive to the feedback from the field with regards to this first time implementation.

**Therefore, the Department proposes moving the “CoreLink” administration to the fall of 2014, as this would provide the opportunity to:**

- Align Indiana’s College-and-Career Ready Assessment – Phase 1 test questions with newly adopted Indiana Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics (2014);
- Provide access to the assessment for all students, including currently identified Special Education students participating in IMAST; and
- Enable iPad use during the administration.

Thank you for your consideration.